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SUBJECT : PL-480 TITLE I PROJECTIONS FOR FY-75

REF: A. STATE 092148

B. CONAKRY 0694

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS PL-480 PROJECTIONS FOR FY-75, BASED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON INSTRUCTIONS REF A. WE ALSO INCLUDE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING PL-480 PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SHIPMENT AND CARRY-OVER TABLE FOR FY-74 AND FY-75. PROJECTIONS FOR FY-75 ARE BASED SOLELY, AT THIS TIME, ON GOG REQUEST FOR PL-480 COMMODITIES NEXT YEAR, AS SUBMITTED TO DEPT REF B. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION TABLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS YET FOR FY-74. THE STATISTICS FOR FY-70 - FY-73 HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPT (CONAKRY A-111, DEC 13, 1973). ESTIMATED DOLLAR COSTS FOR GOG FY-75 REQUESTS ARE BASED ON PRICES QUOTED REF A. FOR SOME COMMODITIES REQUESTED BY GOG, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

3. FOLLOWING SHIPMENT AND CARRY-OVER TABLE FOR FY-74 -
 FY-75 IS BASED ON PL-480 AGREEMENT SIGNED BY USG AND GOG IN
 WASHINGTON MAY 8, 1974, AND UPON USG AGREEMENT TO INCREASE
 COMMODITIES AS SET FORTH IN STATE 099455. EXCHANGE OF
 NOTES TO AMEND AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE; BUT FOR
 PURPOSES THIS EXERCISE WE ARE ASSUMING AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
 CONCLUDED. THE TABLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. FY-74

CARRY-OVER

COMMODITY	AGREEMENT	SHIPMENT	TO FY-75
WHEAT FLOUR	7,500 MT	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
EDIBLE OIL	1,100 MT	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
CORN	10,00 MT	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

B. FY-75 REQUEST

COMMODITY	REQUEST	COST
WHEAT FLOUR	50,000 MT	\$7.8 MILLION
SOYBEAN OIL	5,000 MT	\$2.3 MILLION
CORN	30,000 MT	\$2.66 MILLION
COTTON	3,000 BALES	\$.75 MILLION
TALLOW	3,000 MT	UNKNOWN
DRIED MILK	1,000 MT	UNKNOWN
DRIED BEANS	5,000 MT	UNKNOWN
SEMOLINA	200 MT	UNKNOWN.

4. COMMENT: PLEASE REFER TO CONAKRY A-111 (DEC 13, 1973)
 WHICH PROVIDES RECENT INFORMATION ON THE BLEAK ECONOMIC CON-
 DITIONS IN GUINEA AND THE SHORTAGE OVER THE YEARS OF MOST
 FOODSTUFFS. SINCE THIS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED, CONDITIONS HAVE
 DRASTICALLY DETERIORATED. THOUGH NOT GENERALLY KNOWN UNTIL
 RECENTLY, THE NORTHERN AREAS OF GUINEA BORDERING ON SENEGAL
 AND MALI HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE
 DROUGHT. REPORTS ON THESE CONDITIONS HAVE COME TO US FROM
 PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HIMSELF, AND HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY
 OTHER OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET EMBASSY. WE EXPECT
 THAT EXPERTS FROM AID WILL ARRIVE IN CONAKRY SHORTLY TO
 TOUR THESE PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND, TOGETHER WITH GOG
 EXPERTS, REACH AGREEMENT ON THE AMOUNT OF PL-480 TITLE II
 COMMODITIES (SORGHUM) THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY
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TO HELP ALLEVIATE THESE CONDITIONS.

5. AS REPORTED BEFORE, GUINEA IS POTENTIALLY AN IMPORTANT
 SOURCE OF GRAIN, RICE AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS FOR THESE DROUGHT-
 STRICKEN AREAS. PRESIDENT TOURE AND OTHER GOG OFFICIALS
 ARE AWARE OF THIS, AND ARE ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL
 PRODUCTION HERE NOT ONLY TO MEET INTERNAL NEEDS BUT ALSO
 NEEDS OF SURROUNDING COUNTRIES. A NEW EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE

HAS BECOME APPARENT IN RECENT MONTHS, IN NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS, IN PUBLIC SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT TOURE, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOG LEADERS, AS WELL AS IN NEW PROJECTIONS FOR UNDP ASSISTANCE NEXT YEAR. PRESIDENT TOURE HAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, THAT GUINEA BECOMES SELF-SUFFICIENT IN RICE BY NEXT YEAR. THIS GOAL, THOUGH COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC, INDICATES A WILL TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WHICH EXTENDS TO OTHER COMMODITIES.

6. AT THIS TIME OF SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE, GOG HAS PRACTICALLY NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND IS THEREFORE UNABLE TO BUY FOOD ON THE WORLD MARKET. THIS SITUATION IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS UNTIL ADDITIONAL EARNINGS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOKE BAUXITE PROJECT AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES NOW BEPKNING. WITHIN FIVE TO SIX YEARS GUINEA SHOULD BE ABLE TO PAY ITS WAY. MEANWHILE IT WILL CONTINUE TO NEED FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES ON A LONG-TERM, LOW INTEREST CREDIT BASIS, WITH A GRACE PERIOD FOR REPYAMENT OF PRINCIPAL.

7. FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS GUINEAN NEEDS REMAIN ACUTE. WE CANNOT AS YET COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON JUSTIFICATION FOR GOG REQUESTS FOR FY-75, SINCE WE ARE NOT YET INFORMED OF COMMODITIES THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE FROM OTHER DONORS.

8. OUR PL-480 PROGRAM HERE IS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY EFFECTIVE TOOL THE USG HAS FOR DEVELOPING US RELATIONS WITH GUINEA. IT PROVIDES ONE OF FEW BASES FOR ACCESS TO PRESIDENT TOURE. THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE THAT TOURE ATTACHES TO OUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY EMPHASIZED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. TOURE HAS MADE CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS USG ACTION ON GUINEA'S PL-480 REQUESTS TO BE AN INDICATION OF USG POLITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT, WITH REDUCTIONS SIGNIFYING DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLEASURE. SUDDEN ELIMINATION OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE TAKEN AS A SIGNAL THAT USG HAD WRITTEN OFF GOG AND WAS USING FOOD AS WEAPON AGAINST IT.
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